

Blood Covenant Part 3

1 Samuel 18:1-4

- The covenant love that Jonathan had for David is a picture of the covenant love Jesus has for us.
- Jonathan came after David. There was a day when Jesus came after us to make blood covenant with us and give us the kingdom and all that it contains. All we had to give Him was our slingshot, our worn-out worthless shepherds coat and our worthless lives. This is agape love.

1 Sam 20:41-42

- Because of Jonathan's father's wrath toward David, David had to hide, and Jonathan had to sneak to meet David. The way Jonathan was meeting David here was by going out like he was practicing shooting his bow. He would shoot his bow and then tell his servant to go find the arrow. Jonathan would then walk out and meet His servant. He did this over and over until he came to where David was hiding.
- Notice in verse 42 how Jonathan said to David the Lord be between my seed and thy seed forever.
- Jonathan is referring to the covenant they made and what they promised. The covenant lasted forever even into the next generation.
- The Lord be between me and thee meant that the Lord is going to watch us and make sure we keep the covenant and if we don't, He will judge us.
- So, the covenant lasts forever, for generations to come.

1 Chron 8:33-34 Jonathan's blood line.

- Meribaal is Jonathan's son and it's Chaldean for Mephibosheth.

In 2 Samuel 9, David has finally become king, his government has been set up, the transition has been made into the commander and chief of Israel, and now the words of Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20:42 is coming back to Him.

- 2 Samuel 9:1-4
 - o This is referring to Mephibosheth as will be seen in next few verses.
 - o But notice in v3 it says "that I may shew the kindness of God unto him"
 - David is really going to keep the covenant He made with Jonathan and bless Jonathan's seed. But notice he refers to it as the kindness of God.
 - The kindness David is about to show through covenant is a picture of God's kindness toward us. This is a perfect picture of how and why we receive God's kindness in our lives.
 - o V3 notice David asked, "is there not yet any of the house of Saul"

- Number one David said this because Saul, Jonathan and all of Jonathan's brothers had been killed.
 - They had been killed in battle because Saul set His heart against David, God's anointed, to kill him because He wanted to protect His throne.
 - Because of this, Saul brought judgment and destruction on His rule and His household. David didn't kill him or his family. David walked in love. But when we walk in love and leave the vengeance on our enemies to God, He takes care of our enemies and if he has to, He will take them out.
 - But think about this, even though Saul treated David this way, David still wanted to bless the house of Saul. This is covenant love. It's not about what you did or the mistakes you made, it's about the blood.
- Number two David said in verse 3, "is there not yet ANY" because it didn't matter who they were, just as long as they were in the blood line. Once again, it's about the blood.
 - It's not about who you are when it comes to receiving the kindness of God. It's about the blood.
 - Also notice that if you are Mephibosheth, there's a covenant been made concerning you that you don't know anything about. But because of that covenant, the king is now searching for you to try to give you the benefits of that covenant.
 - Outside of your knowledge before you were even born, a covenant was made concerning you between Jesus and God. Then Jesus came looking for you to try to give you the benefits of this covenant. You didn't come to him; he came to you, and it was because of the blood. You have not done anything to deserve these blessings.

In 2 Samuel 9:3, it said that Mephibosheth was lame. Let's find out why He was lame.

- 2 Samuel 4:4
 - The name Mephibosheth means a shameful thing.
 - When Mephibosheth was five years old, his nurse heard that Saul and Jonathan had died and all of Jonathan's brothers had died and the nurse thought that David was doing this. She thought that David was going to come after Mephibosheth. So out of fear of David, she hastily ran, and in the process, dropped Mephibosheth.
 - These are things we can see from this:

- 1. The nurse didn't know about the covenant. So, in ignorance of the covenant she feared the king and ran from wrath that was never coming.
 - This is what the church is doing today. They don't know about blood covenant and they are running from God in fear of His wrath when really, he just wants to show them kindness.
- 2. He became lame because of the choice his nurse made out of fear of the king's wrath that came through ignorance of the covenant.
 - The choices we make in life because we don't understand covenant will injure us and leave us lame.
 - When you don't understand the covenant and you think God is angry with you, your faith won't work and when your faith won't work, you will allow life and the devil to beat you up. You will end up lame.
- 3. Mephibosheth lost His position as royalty not because of what He did but because of what His Grandfather did. But through covenant, David is about to restore it.
 - We lost our place of royalty not because of what we did but because of what Adam did. Like Saul when Adam sinned, he cursed the rest of His seed to come.
 - But through blood covenant, we have been restored to our place of royalty we lost through Adam.

- 2 Samuel 9:4

- Mephibosheth was in the house of Machir which means salesman, and he was living in Lodebar which means dry places.
- So, He's living in dry places with a salesman.
- This salesman is selling him this lie that David did this to you. You wouldn't be lame if it wasn't for David. Your family would be alive it wasn't for David. David hates you. David wants to kill you and all the while Jonathan had a covenant with David and David was looking for Him to bless him.
- This is a picture of the world. They are living in dry places with a salesman, the devil, who has sold them this lie that God wants them in this place. That God put them in this place. That God is angry with them when the whole time they have a covenant with God of blessing.

- 2 Samuel 9:5

- David sent and fetched him and brought him to the palace.
- David didn't say if you can somehow get here through your own self effort, I will bless you.
- Jesus didn't say if you will put in a little self-effort and try to help yourself then I will think about living in you.

- No. Jesus came looking for you when you weren't even looking for Him. You were like Mephibosheth, lame and unable to get to Jesus out of your own self effort. Like Mephibosheth, your self-effort was very limited in what it could do for you.
- But Jesus outside of you asking or doing anything, He came and found you and brought you into this covenant.
- 2 Samuel 9:6
 - Notice David called him by name. He knew his name.
 - Which meant David knew Mephibosheth before Mephibosheth knew David. This is because the covenant was drawn up before Mephibosheth was born.
 - God knew you before you knew Him. Because this covenant that you are in was drawn up before the foundations of the earth. Jesus saw you while He was on the cross.
- 2 Samuel 9:7
 - David said fear not.
 - David said this because Mephibosheth had fear. His fear came from the lies He was told about David.
 - He probably thought that whole reason David sent for him was to cut his throat. He was still ignorant of the covenant.
 - You will fear when you are ignorant of the covenant.
 - You will fear things in life, and you will fear God.
 - For Jonathan's sake.
 - David is going to show him favor not because of who he is or what he's done but just because he is Jonathan's son. David is going to bless him because Jonathan's blood is flowing through his veins.
 - Mephibosheth had nothing to offer. He couldn't fight or even be a servant in the palace.
 - Today God is favoring you not because of who you are or because of what you've done. There's nothing you could've done for God that would deserve this. It's just because the blood of Jesus is flowing through your veins.
 - Thou shall eat bread at my table continually.
 - Not till next week or until you do something wrong. Not you can eat here today and then you will have to earn the other meals at this table.
 - Mephibosheth had total access to the palace, the king, his table, his food forever as if he was royalty.
- 2 Samuel 9:8
 - What is thy servant?

- Mephibosheth still thought that this favor from the king has something to do with him and he couldn't figure out why the king would see him this way.
 - Sometimes we have a hard time receiving the great blessings of our King because we still think that it has something to do with us, but it doesn't.
 - Dead dog as I am.
 - Notice how he saw himself. He wasn't seeing himself through the covenant.
 - You have to see yourself through covenant eyes if you want to see your true identity.
 - The identity you will have outside of revelation of the covenant will be like Mephibosheth's. You will see yourself as a dead dog. Not even a live dog. Something useless and worthless.
- 2 Samuel 9:9
 - Notice it's like David ignored what Mephibosheth said about himself.
 - God ignores us when we come into his presence like we are unworthy and start to identify our self with being unworthy. He doesn't agree with us or even hear us.
 - David begins the restoration process.
 - Understand that there are things that Mephibosheth lost because of the sin of his grandfather Saul.
 - But David has come and inherited all that Saul lost and now through a blood covenant with Jonathan, David is giving it all back to Mephibosheth.
 - We lost everything God gave us in Adam's transgression. But Jesus came and inherited it all back through His death and resurrection. Now through blood covenant he is restoring it all back to us.
- 2 Samuel 9:10
 - David restores to Mephibosheth Saul's servants.
 - David told Ziba that his sons and his servants were going to go out and till the land that was restored to Mephibosheth and bring in the fruits. But all Mephibosheth was going to do was sit at the king's table continually and fellowship with the king and just be a steward over what the servants brought in.
 - When I came into this blood covenant, I got servants, angels (Hebrews 1:14). So, under this covenant the angels are out there working and bringing in the fruits as I just sit at the King's table and eat bread and fellowship with the King.

- Through the covenant, Mephibosheth became the instant CEO of his own incorporation. All he had to do was decree orders and use the fruits that came in wisely.
 - Under this covenant, we don't work and use self-effort to prosper. We decree and rest in the presence of the king and our servants go out and do the work and bring in the fruits.
- 2 Samuel 9:11
 - Eat as one of the king's sons.
 - Notice his place of sonship was restored.
 - Had Saul not sinned, Mephibosheth would've been a king's son. But through covenant, it's been restored.
 - Had Adam not fell, we would've all been immediately upon birth sons of God. But now that's been restored through Jesus and this blood covenant.
 - Think about the envy.
 - The servants probably wanted to look at Mephibosheth and say you don't deserve this. You came from Lodebar and we've been working here for a long time under two administrations.
 - But if they did that, David would've had their jobs. Because he told them he was to be treated as if he was one of my son's.
 - Today you are not lower than the angels. The angels can never look down on you because through blood covenant, you have been made a son of God, joint heir with Jesus.
- 2 Samuel 9:12-13
 - Notice they threw in that He was lame on both his feet.
 - It's a reminder that He is not at the table because of His walk and he is not staying at the table because of His walk. He is there because of blood covenant.
 - Also, even though you are saved and in the blood covenant, it doesn't mean that your feet aren't lame, and your walk has gotten better.
 - Mephibosheth's walk didn't get any better after he found out about this covenant. But it doesn't matter because it's not about his walk, it's about the blood of the covenant.
 - Finally, you can't see your lame feet under the table.
 - When you are sitting at the table, your feet are hid.
 - God doesn't see your feet when you come to his table.
 - Also, at the moment when all the sons where sitting at the table nobody looked any different. They all looked the same. Mephibosheth didn't look any different than the healthy sons.
 - We don't look any different than Jesus to God.